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the Holy Synod Abroad published a list of forty-seven bishops who are at present still imprisoned by the Soviets, as follows:

Aleksandr (Petrovskii), archbishop of Kharkov
Aleksii, archbishop of Veliki Ustyug
Amvrosii (Libin), bishop of Narva, vicar of the diocese of Leningrad
Anatol (Grisiuk), archbishop metropolitan of Odessa. (It was already known, before the list was drawn up, that he had died in prison.)
Anton, bishop of Tiflis
Arkadii (Ostelski), bishop of Liubiani (sic; Lyuban?)
Artemii, archbishop of Petrozovodsk
Atanasii, archbishop of Chistopol'sk, vicar of the archdiocese of Kazan
Varlaam, bishop of Kamenets Podolsk
Varfolomei, archbishop, arrested with all the monks of the convent of St. Peter in Moscow in 1953.
Vassien, bishop, old believer of Sitki (sic)
Viktor, bishop of Glazov, vicar of the archdiocese of Vyatka
Vlacheslav, bishop of Yaran'sk
Gabrili (Voyevodin), archbishop arrested in 1934 at Leningrad
Georgii (Doliev), archbishop of Ekaterinoslav (Dnepropetrovsk)
German (Riashentsev), bishop
Grigori, bishop of Schlussemburg, vicar of the archdiocese of Leningrad
Grigori (Vetlovskii), bishop, vicar of the archdiocese of Nizhni Novgorod
Damiian, archbishop of Poltava
Domitian, bishop of Arsamas (sic)
Ierot, bishop, vicar of the archdiocese of Veliki Ustyug
Kiprian, archbishop of Vyatka
Konstantin (Diakov), archbishop metropolitan of Kiev, exarch of the Ukraine
Makarii, bishop of Cherepovets, vicar of the diocese of Novgorod
Maksim (Ruberovskii), bishop of Polonnoe, vicar of the diocese of Zhitomir
Mamuel, bishop, retired
Mefodii, bishop of Piatigorsk
Nikodim, archbishop of Kostroma
Nifont, bishop of Kinechansk (sic; Kineshma?)

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Pavel (Voznessenski), archbishop metropolitan
 Pavel, archbishop of Yaroslavl
 Paldorni, archbishop of Chernigov
 Pyotr (Rudnev), archbishop of Samara (Kuibyshev)
 Pitirim, archbishop of Dimitrovsk, interim director of the diocese of Moscow,
 arrested in 1936
 Porfirii, bishop of Simferopol
 Serapion, bishop
 Serafin, archbishop metropolitan of Kazan
 Serafin (Mesheriakov), archbishop metropolitan, retired
 Serafin (Chichagov), archbishop metropolitan of Leningrad, arrested in 1936.
 (Died since the list was drawn up.)
 Serafin, bishop of Rostov/Don
 Sergei, bishop of Lodeino Pole, vicar of the archdiocese of Leningrad
 Sergei, bishop of Damiansk, vicar of the diocese of Novgorod
 Stefan (Bekhd), bishop, retired
 Tikhon, bishop of Turkestan
 Filaret, archbishop of Zhitomir and Volhynia
 Theodore (Pozdeev), archbishop of Volokolamsk
 Theodose (sic; Theodore?) bishop of Nogilev.

2. Also listed were the names of several hundred abbots, canons, and monks who, the Holy Synod heard, are still in prison and have not died.
3. Among the great Orthodox theologians, the following are known to be alive and in prison:

Aleksandr Glagolev, archpriest, professor of the Religious Academy of Kiev
 Georgii Golubev, archpriest and professor
 Mikhail Edlinski, archpriest and professor
 Theodore Ostriakov, " " "
 Sava Petrunevich, " " "
 Jean (sic; Ivan?) Prodtechenski, archpriest and professor
 Boris Savrassov, archpriest and professor
 Vladimir Sadovnichii, " " "

4. The Soviets claim that eighty-nine "new" monasteries exist in the USSR. Actually, the majority of these are not newly opened monasteries but ones which lie in territories not included in the USSR before 1939 and which were not closed in the Soviets' western expansion. In the rest of the Soviet Union, only a few well-known monasteries have been opened for foreign propaganda reasons, such as the large Troitsa Abbey near Moscow and the Aleksandr Nevsky Monastery at Leningrad. Comment: At least one other monastery which, the Moscow radio claims, is open is the Pskov-Pechora Monastery.

5. the Lavra (Abbey) of Kiev-Pechorsk, a famous old monastery, was open at the time of the visit of Archbishop Aleksandr (Nemelovsky) of Berlin to the Soviet Union in July 1946.

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